

# THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB, INC.

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MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN

June 5, 1980 Special meeting of MRAC at Wau. Savings & Loan.

Meeting called to order at 7:37PM by Acting President Reid Whipple.

A check of those present was made to see if we have a quorum. It was determined we do have a ~~xxx~~ <sup>xx</sup> quorum present. (6 required) Reid, K9IWC read the rules to be followed at the meeting. Reid then turned over chairmanship of the Special Meeting to Gordon Weiler, W~~9~~9ZQK.

The by laws in their entirety were then read by Ed Vetter. These are the by-laws as passed by the Club last year. A motion was made by W9LGO, seconded by Flo. Belanger that the By-laws be adopted a second time as read.

Discussion followed.

John Scarvaci asked for the floor at 8:01PM. John read a prepared statement of events leading up to the discussion this evening. A copy of Mr Scarvacis statement is attached. Em Bude, K9HJH discussed Article Section 4. He is against the change in this rule.

K9CAN and Al Krones, K9AA spoke against the change in the pertinent rules.

Ottie, W9LGO discussed Section 1-General Rules and State Statute 181.20

Several members asked questions about the by laws.

Sam Safro, K9OXH statement that the only discussion should be about Section 4, article 11 and heasked for some harmony and faith in the club members to do the right thing.

W9LGO asked for a vote adopting the rules as read with exception of changing Section 4 article 11 to read as follows:

Any Director may be removed at any time for due cause at a special meeting of the board members by the affirmative vote of a majority of the board members. *of Directors*

The vote was held at 8:35PM. Dick Oberholtzer, Chairman of the election read the rules and regulations as pertains to voting.

There were 68 voting. The motion and election passed by a vote of 40 yes and 28 no.

At 8:50PM A regular meeting as held.

The Secretary W9JK read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were approved after correction of Gordon Weiler's call letters.

At 8:55PM the Treasurers report was read and approved.

The treasurer's report:

Dinner at Heidels	<del>Cost</del>	\$514.32
"	Receipts	<u>501.50</u>
	Short	12.82

The last auction donated to club	82.55
The roster fund has	100.00
The school fund spent	425.00
The School fund now has	981.74
The club has to operate:	644.66
The club has future dues paid	112.00

Dave Announced this is his last time as Treasurer. W9LGO made a motion that we comment Dave DeFebo for his services as treasurer for the past 3 years. Seconded by Flo Belanger. Motion passed.

Reid Burrows read a letter from Warshawsky after comments from Russ Burss that the letter had not been read. The letter asked that the change in by laws should not be made.

New Officers were introduced and installed. In the absence of Charley Kaetel a plaque for Charley was given to Flo Belenger to pass on the Charley Kaetel.

Reid Whipple asked for more volunteers for Field Day.

El Belanger set up his projector for a film on ham radio. While the film was being arranged the Board of Directors moved to another room for a special meeting.

The Special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 9:12PM. Minutes on another sheet.

9:30PM the regular meeting continued with the Ham movie, broken sprocket holes and all. The meeting was adjourned at 9:54PM

*Approved 7-2-80*

MANY MEMBERS ARE WONDERING WHAT THIS MEETING IS ALL ABOUT, SO A REVIEW OF EVENTS LEADING UP TO THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS IN ORDER.

ON JANUARY 15, 1980, I WAS ASKED BY PRESIDENT ROBERT GLAMM, AND ACCEPTED AN APPOINTMENT TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE OF THE MRAC FOR THE 1980-81 SEASON. HOWEVER, ON REVIEWING THE BY-LAWS IN THE NEWLY PRINTED 1980 CLUB ROSTER, I NOTICED SEVERAL DISCREPANCIES AS COMPARED TO PREVIOUSLY PRINTED BY-LAWS.

MAINLY, ARTICLE II, SEC.4, THE BY-LAW PERTAINING TO THE REMOVAL OF A DIRECTOR HAD BEEN CHANGED BY THE ADDITION OF THE WORD "BOARD" IN FRONT OF THE WORD "MEMBER". THIS PRINTED CHANGE BY ERROR DESIGN, CHANGES THE WHOLE MEANING OF THIS BY-LAW, AND PERMITS THE REMOVAL OF A DIRECTOR BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS RIGHT HAS ALWAYS BEEN RESERVED FOR THE CLUB MEMBERS THAT ELECTED THE DIRECTORS. I TALKED TO SEVERAL DIRECTORS ABOUT THIS MATTER BUT COULD NOT GET ANY PROPER EXPLANATION AS TO HOW THIS HAPPENED.

ON JANUARY 25, 1980, I RESIGNED MY APPOINTMENT TO THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND SENT A LETTER TO THAT EFFECT TO THE MRAC. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, MR. ROBERT GLAMM RESIGNED AS PRESIDENT OF THE MRAC. MY LETTER OF RESIGNATION AND MY REASONS FOR SO DOING WAS NEVER READ TO THE CLUB MEMBERS.

ON FEBRUARY 20, 1980 AT A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MR. RUSS BURSS, A PAST PRESIDENT AND LIFE MEMBER WAS, UNDER THE WORDING OF THE PRESENT PRINTED BY-LAW, REMOVED WITHOUT DUE PROCESS, FROM HIS ELECTED POSITION ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THE MRAC.

AT THE APRIL 3, 1980 REGULAR CLUB MEETING I EXPRESSED MY OBJECTION TO THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. I REQUESTED THAT A COMMITTEE BE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER. NO DEFINITE ACTION WAS TAKEN.

I THEN CONTACTED ATTORNEY MARTIN BINN AND AFTER EXPLAINING THIS MATTER TO HIM, HE AGREED TO REPRESENT ME LEGALLY IN THIS MATTER.

WITH THE COOPERATION OF SECRETARY JACK KRAUSE, WE WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN COPIES OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR AND BOARD MEETINGS DATING BACK TO SEPTEMBER 1978 WE COULD NOT FIND ANY REFERENCE TO ANY DISCUSSION, LET ALONE PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE WORDING CHANGE IN ARTICLE II. SEC. 4. MR. ROBERT GLAMM WAS CONTACTED AND HE INFORMED US THAT THE ONLY CHANGES IN THE BY-LAWS, THAT WERE PRESENTED THE MEMBERS AND APPROVED, PERTAINED TO ARTICLE I ONLY.

ON APRIL 25, 1980, ATTORNEY MARTIN BINN SENT A LETTER TO THE MRAC, STATING HE WAS REPRESENTING ME LEGALLY IN THIS MATTER AND REQUESTED A RESPONSE, DEFINING THE CLUBS EXACT POSITION AS REGARDS TO THIS MATTER. ATTORNEY MARTIN BINN STATED THAT IN HIS OPINION AND A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT PRINTED BY-LAWS AND PREVIOUSLY PRINTED BY-LAWS DATING BACK TO 1956, THAT THE PRESENT WORDING OF ARTICLE II, SEC 4 IS NULL AND VOID. AS SUCH, ANY ACTION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN UNDER THAT SECTION SINCE ITS REPRINT IS ALSO NULL AND VOID. THIS LETTER, ALSO, WAS NOT READ TO THE CLUB MEMBERS.

MR. SAM SAFFRO, A CLUB MEMBER AND AN ATTORNEY, CONTACTED MR. BINN, SAYING HE WAS ACTING IN BEHALF OF THE CLUB. AFTER SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN US, AND A PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN MR. SAFFRO AND MYSELF, WE ALL AGREED THAT THIS MATTER COULD AND SHOULD BE RESOLVED AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS. WE ALSO AGREED THAT ANY COURT ACTION WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE MRAC.

MR. BINN AND MR SAFFRO AGREED IN PRINCIPAL THAT THE ACTION PERMITTING THE REMOVAL OF MR. BURSS BE CORRECTED BEFORE ANY OTHER ACTION REGARDING ARTICLE II, SEC. 4 IS TAKEN.

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June 5, 1980 Special meeting of the Board of Directors of MRAC  
Held in special meeing room at Tosa Savings & Loan.

Present were: Reid Whipple, K9IWC, ~~Dave Pataho~~, Dick Oberholtzer,  
Russ Burss, Jack Krause, El Belanger, Flo Belanger, Steve  
Schwentner, Betty Vetter, Ed Vetter, Walt Glisch, Chris Welton  
Marv Rutischauser.

Dick Oberholtzer spoke first: At the last Board meeting I made the motion Russ Burss be removed from the Board. The following reasons were given: Selling smoke detector at club meetings, negative discussions at almost every meeting, argumentative, objecting to almost everything we tried to do, etc. Dick made a motion we again vote to suspend Russ Burss from the Board of Directors. Marv Rutischauser ~~maxxx~~ asked for a vote. Russ Burss was asked to comment. He again repeated his earlier observations, denying any wrong doing, swearing, etc. A vote was held, conducted by chairman Al Belanger. Vote passed unanimously.

9:22PM Dick Oberholtzer made a motion we adjourn. Motion seconded by Walt Glisch, meeting adjourned

*Approved 7-2-80*

January 25, 1980

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil  
is that good men do nothing." — Edmund Burke

JOHN SCARVACI, W9GIL  
910 East Calumet Road  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217

Mr. Robert A. Glamm, President  
Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club, Inc.

Dear Bob:

I was very pleased to be asked to serve on the nominating committee of the MRAC for the 1980 elections.

However, since accepting this appointment I have become aware of some discrepancies in the printing of the By-Laws in the 1980 MRAC roster.

Article 1, Sec. 3 - Special meetings....upon written direction of 14 of the members in good standing. I believe this is a misprint in the printing of the roster, which should read 1/2 instead of 14. The members of the corporation should be made aware of this error.

Article 2, Sec. 4 Board of Directors - Removal. This section now reads; Any Director may be removed at any time at a special meeting of the board members by the affirmative vote of a majority.

The Original Amended By-Laws state as follows;

Any Director may be removed at any time at a special meeting of the Members of the corporation called for such purpose by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members of the corporation.

Note: The members of the corporation is composed of the various grades of membership as outlined in the Original Amended By-Laws, Sec. 12 or Sec. 1 - Qualification for Membership of the current printed By-Laws.

There is a very drastic difference in the wording and meaning of the Original Amended By-Laws and the current By-Law.

I would like to know at which meeting this change in the By-Laws, that takes away powers from the Members of the corporation and places it in the hands of a majority of the board members, was presented to and approved by a Majority of the Members of the corporation?

The 1956 Amended By-Laws took over 1 year, with Legal counsel to become finalized. Each By-Law was presented separately for approval and voted on by the Members of the corporation. A By-Law may be amended to bring it up to present standards; change of location, dues, times, etc.

The basic meaning and Intent should Not be changed.

I, therefore regretfully decline my appointment to the nominating committee, as I could not ask a member to serve on the Board of Directors, with the potential possibility of being removed for just cause or not, by a majority vote of the directors present at a meeting called for this purpose. This type of meeting could be a 'controlled' meeting.

I will do what I can to rectify this situation.

Playin' Square

Don't count the game as lost, my boy,  
Because the runs are more  
For the opposing team than yours.  
What matter is the score?  
Why, being beaten can't impair  
Your courage when you're playin' square.

When bigger game and bigger stakes  
Are yours to lose or win,  
Don't waste your time connivin' for  
Advantage—just dig in  
And do your best to claim your share;  
But first be sure you're playin' square.

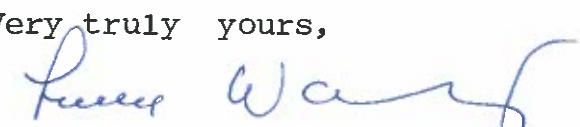
—Joe. R. Cushing.

10303 W. Capitol Dr.  
Wauwatosa, WI 53222  
5 June 1980

The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club  
Mr. Jack Krause W 9 JK Secretary

Dear Sir:

I have been a member of the club for many years although I have been completely inactive for the past several years. I was very disappointed to learn of the removal from the Board of Russ Burss who has served the club so faithfully for many years. It is unbelievable that the by-laws could have been changed to make the removal of a board member possible by a majority vote of the board members. I am sure the intent was to require a majority vote of the membership. In the early 1960's I was a member of a committee to revise the by-laws and to the best of my recollection this is how it was done then. If the by-laws were actually changed to allow this situation - and I can't believe that it could have happened - someone goofed badly.

73's      Very truly yours,  
  
Lowell Warshawsky W 9 N G V

Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club

April 3, 1980 Regular meeting at Wauwatosa Savings & Loan called at 7:30PM

The Secretary read a report of the March 6th meeting. Report approved as read. An abbreviated report of treasurer was read by the Secretary. This report was short because Dave DeFebo has been in the hospital with a broken leg and recuperating from same.

7:35PM John Scarvaci was introduced by Reid Whipple. This was requested beforehand by John.

Mr. Scarvaci passed out copies of a letter he had written to Bob Glamm regarding changes in our by-laws which he regards as discrepancies. He spoke on behalf of Russ Burss and to protect his own interests in the Club. He requested the changes in the By laws be rescinded or re-voted on and that Russ Burss be reinstated.

Em Bude, K9HJH, withdrew his candidacy for an unexpired term as Director since he said Russ Burss was not legally removed as a Director.

A heated discussion pro and con John's ideas was held, with John doing most of the talking.

A motion was made we amend Article 2, Section 3 to remove the word Board. The motion was withdrawn after N9KY and others pointed out that a motion from <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ could not be made to change the by-laws.

John Scarvaci and Em Bude volunteered to be on a committee to ~~study~~ <sup>investigate</sup> the By laws. No action was taken.

8:30PM: A motion was made and passed that we call a special meeting to discuss by law changes. The motion by Reid Whipple, motion passed, no date was set.

8:32PM Clarence Wahner was introduced to talk about P.C. boards. Clarence had his camera (home made) to demonstrate. Many questions were asked and answered.

9:32PM Russ Burss made a motion nominations from the floor be accepted at the thext meeting. Motion passed.

9:37PM W9ZPV motion for adjournment passed.  
There were 73 present.

Jack Krause, Secy.

May 1, 1980

Note: In accordance with Article 111, section 3, It appears nominations from the floor ~~on~~ the night of election are not legal.

W9LGO motion see K9HJH.  
Approved  
5-1-80

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February 8, 1980

Jack C. Krause, W9JK, Secretary  
Milwaukee Radio Amaterus Club  
1737 N. 116th Street  
Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226

Dear Jack,

In view of the recent evidences of hard feelings between some of those who run this corporation, I feel it is in the best interests of everyone concerned that I submit my resignation as President.

I take this action only after a long and disturbing period of searching for a solution to this matter. Perhaps a new President is the answer. I am making this resignation effective as of this date and will turn over all club files and records in my possession to whomever the Board should designate.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Glamm.

cc: E. Belanger  
Reid Whipple  
S. Schwendtner  
D. DeFebo  
R. Oberholzer  
R. Burss  
W. Glish  
F. Belanger  
H. Traxler

BY-LAWS revised to read as follows:

## ARTICLE I

## SECTION 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special meetings of the members may be held whenever called by the Secretary upon the direction of the President or upon written direction of 1/4 of the members in good standing. The Secretary shall give 5 days written notice by ordinary mail to all members.

## SECTION 5. QUORUM AND VOTING MEMBERSHIP.

1/4 of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. Each Regular, Associate, Student, Non Resident and Life Member shall be entitled to one vote, if in good standing and present at the meeting.

## SECTION 7. QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

(1) REGULAR MEMBERS shall hold a valid United States Amateur Radio Operator License and have a bona-fide interest in amateur radio activities.

(3) STUDENT MEMBERS shall be a full time student at any institution of learning and hold a valid United States Amateur Radio Operator License and have a bona-fide interest in amateur radio.

(4) NON RESIDENT MEMBERS shall have a bona-fide interest in amateur radio activities and shall not live within the County of Milwaukee and the adjacent counties, State of Wisconsin.

(5) LIFE MEMBERS shall be elected from the Regular Members by the Board of Directors after such member has attained the age of 60 or more years and has been a member in good standing for at least 20 years continuously and immediately before reaching the required age.

## SECTION 8. DUES AND FEES.

Dues and fees will be set by the Board of Directors. All dues are to be paid within the first 30 days of the club season to insure good standing. Any member failing to pay his or her dues within 30 days of the due date may be suspended by approval of the Board of Directors. Honorary Members shall be considered non-contributing members. On attaining Life Membership status the member shall have the option, each season, of paying full dues, or a mailing fee of 1/2 the current dues rate. All members in good standing entering the Armed Forces will be free of any payment of dues or fees until their return, and their membership status will continue although they will not be considered voting members while in service. The club season will begin September 1 of each year.

November 12, 1979

Mr. Jack C. Krause W9JK  
1737 N. 116th. St.  
Wauwatosa, Wi. 53226

Dear Sir:

In accordance with MRAC by-laws Article II, Section 3, I am submitting my resignation as a member of the Board of Directors.

I attended a Director's meeting on 11/11/79, at which I intended to submit my resignation effective 12/15/79. However, the action and statements made by W9RKP (including the profanity) require my immediate resignation as a Director.

Further, if the Board of Directors does not take action under Article II, Section 4, I wish to resign completely from the club.

Sincerely yours,



G. H. Rearick Jr. WD9GZM

CC: R. Glamm W9UGN  
R. Oberholtzer W9ZPV

Sept. 4, 1980

Report to MAC Meeting Re: Russ Burss versus  
Board of Directors

Because of the continuing feed-back we are receiving concerning the treatment of Russ Burss by the Board of Directors I feel it necessary to state the board's position. There was a meeting of the Board of Directors at Bob Glamm's house last November 11, 1979. Present at the meeting were the following directors; El Belanger, Chairman, Bob Glamm, the club president Florence Belanger, Howard Traxler, Dave Defebo, Steve Schwendtler, Glen Rearick, Russ Burss, Reid Whipple and Charles Kaetel who was invited due to the nature of the business to be discussed. The meetings are run in accordance with the Roberts Rules of Order and during the discussions, without any recognition by the Chairman Russ Burss broke in with a blasphemous exclamation in a viperish and malicious tone, thus, and I quote " God Dam You Charlie Kaetel" unquote. This threw the meeting into a turmoil as you would expect. There was no hint of remorse or sign of apology. Now, such language is unjustified, rude and a gross disregard for the peace and tranquility of the Glamm household and a breach of the Roberts Rules of Order. Now, Russ Burss denies that he ever said this--With 9 Witnesses Yet?

If those who protest the action taken by the board mean to imply that they condone Russ Burss' conduct I assume they are joining him in branding the rest of the Directors as liars as Russ Burss has.. If this conduct continues I shall have to ask the club to take further action.